

# **Waukesha County Cropland Rental**

**Frequently Asked Questions** 

## Can I bid on multiple parks?

Yes, you may bid on as many or as few parks as you like. A separate lease will be executed for each park.

## Is it possible to attend the bid opening?

Yes, this is open to the public. Bid opening will be held in the Waukesha County Administration building, room 260. If you submit a bid, but are unable to attend the opening, a summary of all the bids submitted will be emailed to you.

## How long is a lease agreement?

The lease is currently a four-year term between Waukesha County and the lessee.

## What happens after I find out that I have the winning bid?

Waukesha County Department of Parks and Land Use staff will contact you to set up a meeting. At this appointment, we will review the Waukesha County Cropland Conservation Standards and have you sign the lease.

#### When are the rent payments due?

The annual rent due for each year of the lease shall be paid as follows: one-third "down payment" due on or before March 1<sup>st</sup> and the remaining two-thirds payment due on or before December 15<sup>th</sup>. Failure to submit the "down payment" amount by March 1<sup>st</sup> of any year within the lease will terminate the lease.

#### Is there a yearly rent increase?

Yes, the price per acre is established through the bidding process. Each subsequent year then has a 2.5 % increase.

### Are there restrictions to what type of crops that I may plant?

No, as long as they are legal and the soil conservation standards are met.

#### Where can I find more information about this process?

For questions or comments, you can call the Waukesha County Department of Parks and Land Use, Land Resources Division at (262) 896-8300.